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9TH SMASHES INTO RUHR DEFENSES



DRIVE ON COLOGNE: As American tank and infantry advance units reached the Erft River (see map above) just eight miles from Cologne, another wedge went northward toward a junction with the Canadian Army forces battling on the Rhine. First Army units yesterday swept into Kerpen and Sindorf, nine miles from Cologne. The Ninth Army was last reported 11 miles from Dusseldorf (at top of map), while Patton's Third Army captured 19 towns in a huge pincer movement around the fortress city of Trier.

Yanks Reach Erft River, Last Barrier Before Cologne

PARIS, Feb. 27 (UP).—American tanks and infantry, smashing across the Rhineland plain, where more than half the enemy forces have been killed, captured or wounded, broke into the German Ruhr defenses today and reached the Erft River line. Cologne was only eight miles away.

Front dispatches said the U. S. Ninth Army was fighting in Muenchen-Gladbach, where German troops called on civil police to bolster their lines. The Ninth also had sent a flying wedge streaking 10 miles north to capture Waldniel.

Entire enemy units were falling intact into American hands, and front reports said the infantry was climbing into trucks to maintain contact with the fleeing Germans.

Lt. Gen. William H. Simpson placed a security blackout around his forces as he hurled the full weight of his Ninth Army into the western Ruhr.

Only in the southern section of the bridgehead, around Cologne, was the enemy resisting with any show of force, and many frontline officers believed the Nazis would make their last stand west of the Rhine in the cathedral city.

The American drive into the Ruhr was 28 miles away from joining forces with the Canadian First Army fighting through the last German defenses along the Rhine in the north. Caught between the jaws of the trap were an estimated 10,000 Germans guarding the Roer and Maas (Meuse) rivers opposite the British Second Army front.

CANADIANS GAIN

The Canadians themselves were streaking south, smashing through Uedem two miles to Kerpen and within five miles of the next major German defense point at Geldern.

Front reports indicated that enemy casualties of 15,000 killed, wounded and captured in the past five days have broken the back of German resistance on the entire Rhineland plain west of the Erft River.

The Erft river line, last barrier guarding Cologne and the Rhine, was under as-

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Lewis Again Aims His Gun at U.S.

An Editorial

John L. Lewis is again pointing a gun at America and at the backs of our men on the fighting fronts.

Invoking the very Smith-Connally Act that was passed on the crest of resentment to his three strikes of 1943, he has served notice of another strike.

This is not just a threat. He did it before and means it.

We are dealing with a man who has proven, by his acts, associations and statements, that he doesn't give a tinker's dam for the war effort.

Thus the country faces an emergency NOW, not on April 1, when Lewis will actually try to stop coal production.

Americans need hardly be reminded what stoppage of coal production means. The paralysis of war industries caused by former strikes is only too familiar.

Coming at this time, when we are already so much behind in coal supplies, when the culminating offensives to finish the war are getting into full stride, the Lewis threat can hardly be overestimated.

America cannot tolerate even the thought of such a strike. The country is in an emergency situation—NOW! Every step to prevent a



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strike vote and the demoralization and obstruction of the war effort that Lewis plans in its wake must be taken NOW!

The Lewis threat is also a challenge to the entire labor movement, and its no-strike pledge. It tests the position of every responsible union leader.

Both government and responsible leaders in labor ranks should join to declare there must not be a strike under any circumstances, and to assure the miners that their grievances will be taken up with the view toward the best possible solution.

But the miners must also be told their demands will not be considered while a strike threat hangs over the country and our fighting forces, 75,000 of whom are coal miners.

The miners have the alternative: (1) To support Lewis and his knifing of the war effort and thereby jeopardize their own demands and welfare; or (2) To repudiate Lewis and show labor and the people of America that the coal miners place the country's interest first. Thereby they could win the maximum support for their demands.

We urge the government to bring leaders of labor and industry together to consider the emergency and to take all steps under existing law and executive war powers necessary to assure the country uninterrupted flow of coal.

Prompt action is urgent! The people and organized labor as in former emergencies, will back the Commander-in-Chief in all measures to keep the road to victory clear.

Army Assails Red-Baiting, Stands by Ruling

Daily Worker Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—The Army stands by its recent rulings that former Communist affiliations or opinions do not make a soldier ineligible for a commission as an officer, high War Department representatives told the House Military Affairs Committee today.

The soldier's loyalty to the United States government is the determining test, declared John J. McCloy, Assistant Secretary of War, and Maj. Gen. Clayton Bissell, Army Intelligence head.

"Is it possible that an exceptional soldier may turn out to be a Communist?" asked Rep. Leslie C. Arends, Illinois Republican and American Legionnaire.

In reply McCloy referred to Capt. Herman Bottcher, veteran of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade, who fell at Leyte.

Without mentioning Bottcher's name the Assistant War Secretary said:

"Take the case of a chap suspected of being a member of the Communist Party. He went to the South

Pacific. There he was promoted to Sergeant, then made a Captain in the field. He was wounded, decorated and killed in action at Leyte.

"This man proved his loyalty, regardless of what the War Department might have found."

The question of a man's loyalty is determined not only by the meetings he may have attended, added the war leader.

McCloy developed this idea further in a formal statement, which he read to the committee.

"A man's willingness, and in many cases his eagerness, to train himself for and to engage in hazardous employment in the Army, the testimony of his commanding officer, the judgement of his fellow soldiers after observation and questioning of the man himself, all afforded in my judgement more reliable material on the issue of the man's loyalty than the general doubtful evidence of membership in an organization or attendance at meetings alleged to have been Communist.

"Long experience in handling cases of this charac-

ter finally convinced the War Department that mere sympathy with a given ideology or suspected membership in an organization neither legally nor as a matter of abstract justice furnished sufficient justification for adverse action. It concluded that the only sound, though difficult solution of this problem was to base action on the attitude and actions of the individual."

During McCloy's testimony Rep. Charles H. Elston (R-O), kept pressing McCloy about Atty. Gen. Biddle's ruling in the Harry Bridges' case that Communists believed in the overthrow of the government by force and violence.

"Do you doubt the correctness of that?" asked Elston. McCloy said he did doubt the correctness of Biddle's ruling in view of various judicial decisions.

After the Supreme Court's decision in the Schneiderman case, said McCloy, the Judge Advocate General of the Army in an opinion to the staff called attention to the dictum in this case and the doubt which it cast on the prior (Biddle) ruling."

Can't Afford Coal Stoppage, However Short, Says Ickes

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27 (UP).—Fuel Administrator Harold L. Ickes asserted today that "many industrial activities of coal consumers must be discontinued and most others slowed down" because the nation faces a possible fuel crisis.

"The tricks are about played out and the coal shortage is here and getting worse," he said in a report warning of the dire effects a coal mine strike might have on the entire nation.

The time has come, he said, when the country should "get down to realities."

A national fuel crisis can be expected by next winter if the war in Europe continues that long, even with continued full production of coal, he said. Assuming continuous operation of the mines, he said, coal production still will be 50,000,000 tons short of meeting the needs of a two-front war during 1945.

Then he alluded directly to the growing coal-wage controversy.

"The paralyzing effects of temporary disruptions in the coal supply because of weather conditions during the last month indicate only too clearly that we cannot afford to have any general stoppage in coal mining, no matter how short," he said.

The United Mine Workers and the bituminous coal operators have been reminded that agreements must be reached quickly, and that there can be no suspensions of work, he said.

He pointed out that mines also face the prospect of losing additional manpower as a result of new draft calls.

"The coal pattern has been set for the duration of the war," Ickes said, "but not according to any design of mine. I have warned repeatedly, since early in 1942, what to expect when manpower is depleted."

"Once the miner is taken from the pit he cannot be returned or replaced with any success. Great Britain even resorted to the drafting of men for the mines, but as yet has been unable to build up the manpower to provide her necessary coal production."

"Therefore, if we do not have enough coal, and we are going to have less, I believe it is time that we trim our sails and get down to realities. The nation's economy must be adjusted downward to the place where there will be adequate to go around. Many industrial activities of consumers must be discontinued and most others slowed down."

The coal production record during the war, he said, has been good. And there has been expert distribution, so that industry has been provided with all of its needs and other consumers have been caused minimum hardship.

"From now on, however, conditions must be different," he declared. "Consumer stocks are



HAROLD L. ICKES

dwindling rapidly. The declining manpower is already on overtime operation. Distribution and redistribution will not provide more coal. In other words, the tricks are about played out and the coal shortage is here and getting worse."

State Senate Body OKs Permanent FEPC

By MAX GORDON

ALBANY, Feb. 27.—The Senate Finance Committee voted out the Ives-Quinn permanent FEPC bill today after narrowly defeating an amendment offered by Sen. Frederic Bontecou, Dutchess Republican, to refer the whole issue to a referendum.

The vote on the Bontecou amendment was 10 to 8. Only three members of the committee voted against reporting out the measure, however.

The Dutchess senator, who has been leading the fight against the bill in the Senate, said he would offer his amendment when the bill reaches the floor. He also indicated a similar amendment would be offered in the Assembly, which is due to act on the measure tomorrow. Senate action will not be taken until Monday because of the absence of Democratic leader Elmer F. Quinn, called home by illness.

Assemblyman William M. Stuart, Steuben Republican, who is leading the opposition in that house, said he would offer five amendments on the floor. He declined to reveal their content but said he believed there was a chance to carry one or more.

House Body Cuts Funds for Navy

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—The Navy and other government agencies were hit by a false economy wave which the House Appropriations Committee set going today with its report to the lower branch of Congress. The Committee cut Budget Bureau requests by \$293,298,336, in addition to \$22,500,000 slashed from the \$136,800,000 request for a new naval contractual authority.

While recommending deficiency appropriations and new contractual authority totalling \$2,453,177,125 for the current fiscal year, the committee excused the cuts by a criticism of the executive departments. As an instance of the committee's attitude was its complaint that the administrative departments were "too liberal" in reclassifying Federal employees under the Civil Service system and thus permitting them to qualify for higher salaries.

The Committee does manage to provide \$1,875,047,488 for the Navy, besides \$114,300,000 in new contractual authority.

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FEPC to Probe Cincinnati Bias

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27 (UP).—The President's Committee on Fair Employment Practice will hold hearings in Cincinnati March 15, 16 and 17 on complaints that eight Cincinnati war plants have discriminated against Negroes, it was announced tonight.

The firms are the Crosley Corp., F. H. Lawson Co., Baldwin Co., Victor Electric Products, Inc., Kirk and Blum Manufacturing Co., Cambridge Tile Manufacturing Co., Streitman Biscuit Co., division of the United Biscuit Co., and the Schable Co.

Sixty-three complaints, alleging refusal to employ or train qualified Negroes in other than menial capacities, have been held.

Manpower Debate Cuts Across Party Lines

Daily Worker Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—The fight to pass the Senate manpower bill giving the War Manpower Commission power to mobilize workers for war production has cut across party lines.

Today Sen. Harold H. Burton (R-O), led the fight for the bill, which Elbert D. Thomas (D-Utah) placed on the floor yesterday with a favorable report from the Military Affairs Committee.

Burton was supported today by Sen. Joseph H. Ball (R-Minn), and several Democrats.

The Tennessee Democratic delegation was split on the issue. Sen. Kenneth McKellar, senior Senator, opposed the measure, while his younger Democratic colleague, Tom Stewart, supported it. Voluntary systems of mobilizing manpower are sufficient, McKellar said. Stewart replied that they were outmoded in a war as great as the present one.

"This bill meets the nation's war manpower needs. A manpower crisis may come within three, four or five months," said Burton. Legislation must be speeded at once, he added.

MEETS NEED

Burton declared that the Senate bill covered the manpower needs more thoroughly than the House-approved May bill which applies only to males between 18 to 45. The Senate bill, on the contrary, applies to all potential labor—to women, to youths and to older men.

The War Manpower Commission, he argued, can do a better labor mobilization job than the selective service boards, which would handle the manpower situation under the terms of the House bill.

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Free Classics Cost Schools 14 Cents

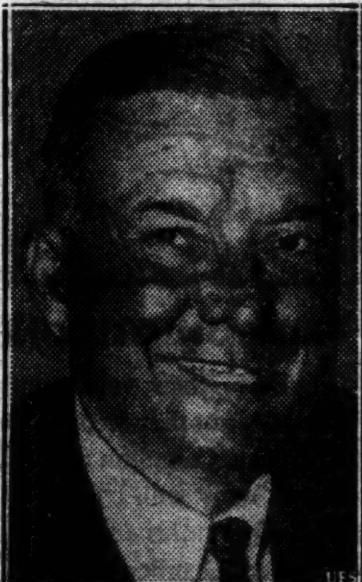
The free-book project, whereby the City Board of Education will give paper-bound classics free to junior high and advanced elementary school pupils, was under way yesterday as the board received bids for printing.

According to the lowest bid received—for 100,000 copies of Mark Twain's Tom Sawyer—the cost of each volume will be approximately 14 cents, Maurice Postley, Superintendent of School Supplies, stated.

Watson, Aide To FDR, Dies

AT SEA WITH PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT, Feb. 20 (Delayed) (UP).—Maj. Gen. Edwin M. Watson, military aide and secretary to President Roosevelt, died at sea today aboard an American cruiser bearing the Presidential party home from the Crimea Conference.

Watson, 61, became ill just as the President and his staff were leaving the Soviet Union by air to rejoin



EDWIN M. WATSON

the cruiser in the Mediterranean. He died early today of a cerebral hemorrhage.

The general, who had been on the President's staff since 1933, was one of the chief executive's closest friends. His sudden death greatly saddened Mr. Roosevelt.

"I shall miss him almost more than I can express," the President said. "There was never a cloud between us in all these years. He helped me greatly."

Plan Army Cuts After V-E Day

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—The War Department plans to release from 200,000 to 250,000 men a month after the war in Europe ends, it was revealed today.

Brig. Gen. Frank T. Hines, head of the Veterans Administration, made the disclosure while appearing before the House Appropriations Committee on a deficiency bill sent to the floor today.

Gen. Hines said about half of the men to be discharged after Germany's defeat will be those with disabilities.

Half of Iwo Japanese Now Dead

GUAM, Feb. 27 (UP).—Marines have killed or wounded up to half the estimated 20,000 Japanese troops on Iwo and expect to take the island in the next few days, it was disclosed today.

Japanese broadcasts said the three Marine divisions on Iwo opened a general offensive Monday, and indicated the Fifth Division on the west coast had driven to within 1.6 miles of the northwest corner of the island, taking the Hiraiwa Saki area. Possession of this stretch of the coast would give the Marines a valuable landing place. When winds make landings difficult on the east coast, landings on the west coast are correspondingly easier.

Lt. Gen. Holland M. Smith, commander of Fleet Marine forces in the Pacific, declared: "We expect to take this island in a few days," although, he said, hard fighting lay ahead.

Rip 2 Tokyo Plane Plants

GUAM, Feb. 27 (UP).—U. S. 5th Fleet airmen knocked out two big Japanese aircraft factories and destroyed or damaged 233 planes and 31 ships in a two-day series of attacks on Tokyo and the important air-raid warning station of Hachijo, 180 miles to the south, Adm. Chester W. Nimitz announced today.

The Nakajima plane factories at Ota and Koizumi north of Tokyo were left in flaming ruins as Hell-divers and Avengers battered them with hundreds of tons of bombs Sunday in conjunction with an assault on the heart of Tokyo by 200 B-29 Superfortresses.

The carrier planes also struck communication lines, radar installations and airfields in the Tokyo area, hitting the city for the third time in 10 days.

The two-day attacks cost nine American fighter planes, five of whose pilots were saved.

Times Reporter Raps Chungking

Speaking at a discussion of "War in the East," sponsored by the N. Y. Times, Brooks Atkinson, recently returned from Chungking, said last night that the war against Japan "would be immediately strengthened" if the Chinese Communists and central government could fight under unified leadership.

Atkinson said that in his visit to Yenan in Communist China he found its army to be better fed and of higher morale than the average Chinese soldier under Chungking authority.

China, he said, "officially" was progressing toward democracy but "practically I see no signs of it."

He advocated that the United States offer its services in settling the quarrel between the central government and the Communists.

House Body Backs War Crimes Fund

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—A State Department request for \$25,000 to assure American participation in the United Nations War Crimes Commission at London was approved today by the House Appropriations Committee. The Committee turned down a similar request last year.

Herbert C. Pell, former American member of the Commission, will not be reappointed, the State Department announced Jan. 29.

Rokossovsky Slashes 43 Mi. Into Pomeranian Defenses



Wrecked enemy planes form the background for U. S. Marine spotters who direct artillery fire from a shell-hole command post on the north side of the Iwo Jima airstrip after its capture by the Leathernecks. The Third Marine Division is mopping up the central airfield on the volcanic island.

LONDON, Feb. 27 (UP).—The Red Army has ripped 43½ miles through the Germans' Pomeranian defenses and driven to within 29 miles of the sea, threatening to seal off Danzig and all German troops along a 150-mile stretch of the Baltic Coast, Marshal Joseph Stalin announced tonight.

In an Order of the Day, his 61st of 1945, Stalin proclaimed the capture of five fortress towns as Marshal Konstantin K. Rokossovsky's Second White Russian Army shattered enemy defenses on a 35-mile front.

More than 100 communities fell in the drive, it was revealed in a Soviet communiqué in a later Moscow broadcast.

Lifting the curtain on Rokossovsky's progress after a two-day silence, Stalin's order revealed that the hero of

Stalingrad had sent his troops completely through the line of the north Pomeranian lakes, last German defense barrier before the Baltic.

Rokossovsky's troops severed two of the three remaining railroads leading across Pomerania to the Berlin area and apparently had an open run toward the third, which

hugs the coast.

By capturing the strongpost of Bublitz, the Soviets drove to within 29 miles of the Baltic and deeply by-passed the industrial city of Neustettin, 17 miles to the southeast. Neustettin lies 88 miles east of the big port of Stettin and 90 miles southwest of Danzig.

Also taken were Hammerstein, 10 miles east of Neustettin; Baldenburg, 14 miles north-northeast of Neustettin; Stegers, 19 miles west of Polish Chojnice, and Schlochau, eight miles west of Chojnice.

Indicating the huge array of forces participating in the drive which threatened to cut off the Germans' Baltic corridor reaching east to Koenigsberg, Stalin saluted troops under 22 of Rokossovsky's generals. He ordered 20 salvos fired from 224 guns in Moscow tonight to mark the occasion, a salute reserved for major triumphs.

4-DAY BATTLE

The 43½-mile gain was achieved in four days of offensive battles. Stalin revealed. The five towns captured were all described as "important centers of communications and powerful strongholds of the German defenses."

While official Soviet quarters remained silent on other advance fronts, American fliers who came to Moscow after crash-landing in the fighting area, said a giant tank battle was raging between the Neisse River and Dresden, Germany's seventh city.

The fliers' report indicated a crossing of the Neisse in force some 50 miles east of Dresden in the area of Goerlitz where heavy battles had been fought for the last 10 days.

Americas Parley Urges Free Palestine

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 25 (JTA) (Delayed).—The World Organization Committee of the Inter-American Conference Saturday adopted a resolution condemning the inhuman treatment of the Jews by the Germans, and urging that a Jewish State be established in Palestine.

The resolution, introduced by the Cuban delegation, asks a guaranteed refuge for the thousands of Jews driven from their homes and immediate free immigration to and colonization in Palestine. It says Palestine should become as soon as possible a "free, sovereign and democratic Jewish State."

The American-sponsored resolution on extradition of war criminals seeking refuge in the Americas includes as war criminals those who violated "concepts of civilized life." This definition was seen yesterday to establish a criterion for other agencies concerned with war criminals, and to remove technical objections to prosecuting Germans who persecuted Jews of German nationality.

Moscow's Citizens Enthusiastic Over Allied Advance in West

By JOHN GIBBONS
Wireless to the Daily Worker

MOSCOW, Feb. 27.—Everyone in Moscow is delighted with the news from the Western Front, and also that 3,000-ton bombloads and 4,000 one-pound Mosquito eggs are being dropped nightly on Berlin.

The Siegfried line is a serious barrier to the attacking Allied troops, but it is not insurmountable, Red Star, organ of the Red Army, said today.

Dealing with the operations sector by sector

along the Western Front, the Red Star commentator said:

"It is doubtful if Rundstedt is in a position to deliver a counterblow west of the Rhine, especially when the Allied offensive is developing along the entire front."

"The Siegfried position is now subjected to ceaseless blows, the weight of which is steadily increasing."

The writer then observed that offensive operations in the west is combined with the Red Army's blows on the Eastern Front.

City Council Votes to Put Teeth Into Entertainment Curfew

By HARRY RAYMOND

The New York City Council, by 14 to 2 yesterday amended the municipal dance hall and cabaret law to aid enforcement of the War Manpower Commission's midnight entertainment curfew.

Introduced by Acting Majority leader Anthony DiGiovanna and Minority Leader Genieve B. Earle on request of Mayor LaGuardia, the amendment empowers the Police Commissioner to lift licenses of night clubs and dance halls who violate the curfew by remaining open after midnight. The city law heretofore permitted nightclubs to do business until 4 a. m. weekdays and 3 a. m. Sundays.

Adoption of the measure and its ratification by the Board of Estimate followed a stormy debate in the Council lasting an hour and a half in which Councilman Louis Cohen, Bronx Democrat, denounced the curfew in one breath and voted for it in the next.

NIGHT CLUBS COMPLYING

Meanwhile, operators of night entertainment spots throughout the city were complying with the federal shut-down order.

The two holdouts in the Council against modification of the local law were J. A. Phillips and Hugh Quinn, Queens Democrats. They asserted the curfew was unnecessary and bad for morale of servicemen on leave in the city.

Councilman Walter R. Hart, Brooklyn Democrat, joined Cohen, Phillips and Quinn denouncing the curfew, but like Cohen voted for the amendment because "I don't want to be accused of being against the war effort."

Council President Newbold Morris left the chair to lead the fight on the floor for the amendment's adoption. He said servicemen on furlough are shocked when they come to New York and see the complacency and carefree attitude of night clubbing civilians toward the war and added:

"We get shocked at the report of 100,000 of our men being wounded. But we don't stay shocked."

Morris argued the amusement order should have been put into effect four years ago, and it should serve now to awaken the home front to the seriousness of the war.

DAVIS ANSWERS COHEN

Councilman Benjamin J. Davis, Jr., Manhattan Communist, pressed for adoption of the amendment, Monday.

News Capsules

Bar Wartime Amendments

The Senate Judiciary Committee decided yesterday it would oppose submitting any CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT to the states by Congress until the war is over and the soldiers return. . . . The House Rules Committee moved yesterday to bring the NURSE DRAFT BILL to the floor this week for debate.

The 118th anniversary of the NEGRO PRESS in the United States is being observed this week. In a national radio broadcast from Negro correspondents on the fighting fronts, last Saturday, John ("Rover") Jordan, of the Norfolk Journal and Guide broadcast a story of his experiences with the 92nd Division, in Italy, and Enoch Waters, of the Chicago Defender, interviewed a Negro naval officer in the South Pacific. . . . NATIONAL NEGRO NEWS-PAPER WEEK was inaugurated eight years ago in commemoration of the founding of the anti-slavery Freedom's Journal in March, 1827. Negroes today publish more than 200 newspapers with a combined circulation of about a million and a half. A na-

tional radio hookup over CBS will climax the week.

Missouri citizens voted yesterday on a NEW CONSTITUTION written last year by an 83-member convention. The present constitution has been in effect since 1875. If the new constitution is adopted, women for the first time in Missouri would be allowed to serve on juries.

Chances of extra new tires for civilians during the spring and summer months of 1945 are just about nil. And as for NEW CARS—there are only 10,000 left in the entire country. The OPA announced yesterday that the civilian share of new tires and new cars for March would be the same as for February—1,600,000 tires and 2,000 cars. . . . More grocers were out of fresh meat in February than in January, and the shortage of the middle of the month was worse than at any time since February, 1943, the Bureau of Labor Statistics reported last night. The people, however, had more butter in mid-February than since last August, although 22 percent of the grocers still had no stocks.



Mile-long columns of Soviet citizens, liberated by the Red Army, march along the roads of East Prussia to their former homes. Men and women carry their few belongings in bundles on their backs.

Sovfoto Radiophoto

Democrats Move Today To Thaw Dewey Budget

ALBANY, Feb. 27.—Democratic leaders today indicated they would move to amend Gov. Dewey's budget bills tomorrow on the floor. The governor's graduated salary increase

proposal grants an average of about \$300 in annual wartime emergency increases. Democrats will seek a flat \$500 raise to each employee. The governor's plan has been criticized because it gives least to the lower-paid workers.

An amendment will also be introduced calling for time and a half for overtime for institutional employees, and for a \$1,500 basic minimum wage, according to James V. King, president of the State, County and Municipal Workers Union. King said wires are pouring in from all over the state on the three planks, and he expects favorable action.

The Democrats propose that State aid to education appropriation, frozen at about \$108,000,000 be amended to call for a flat 20 percent increase above the Friedsam formula, adding nearly \$20,000,000 to the sum projected by the governor.

The Dewey proposal is, however, subject to revision later in the session after a special commission named by him completes study on permanent revision of the Friedsam formula. The commission is expected to submit its report within two weeks. Best available information here, however, is that the commission report will grant no more than seven to 12 millions above the formula.

TEACHERS' STAND

The CIO Teachers Union sharply criticized today the Governor's strategy of postponing his final recommendations until the end of the legislative session. Rose Russell, representative, warned that legislators and public are "dangerously complacent over vague promises of increased appropriations" while no action is being taken on pending measures reducing class sizes, increasing teachers salaries, ironing out substitute problems, etc. She insists the better procedure would be to accept the Democratic recommendation for increased state aid funds on a temporary basis this year, with action on permanent formula revision next year. This would give the public a chance to discuss the proposals of the Governor's commission.

The Democrats will also move for their bill to release \$75,000,000 of postwar reconstruction fund monies for distribution to the local communities for wartime emergency

Bowles Gives Senate Facts On Peak Profits

By Federated Press

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—OPA Administrator Chester Bowles used dozens of graphic charts today to demonstrate to the Senate Banking and Currency Committee that price control has not stopped production and profits from soaring to all-time high levels.

Appearing on behalf of the Wagner resolution (S.J.R. 30), to extend the price control and stabilization acts, Bowles said there had been criticism that OPA sought to control profits rather than prices.

On one chart Bowles showed industrial profits for 1944 at \$248 billion before taxes and \$100 billion after taxes.

For all manufacturing, using the years 1936-39 as a base, he showed that in 1943 profits were 256 percent higher than the average.

In petroleum and allied fields, it was 113 percent; automobiles, 181 percent; apparel, 214 percent; electrical machinery, 416 percent; textile mill products, 503 percent; rubber products, 612 percent. The increase in food products was 191 percent and in furniture 291 percent.

"Take home wages," Bowles said, amounted to \$26.95 weekly in 1929, \$25.50 in 1940, \$29.88 in 1941, \$35.65 in 1942 and \$43.14 for 1943, with an estimate of \$46 for 1944. As to landlords, Bowles said, "Rental income far outruns expenses," and the net operating income of U.S. landlords was from 35 to 48 percent higher in 1944 than in 1939.

"There is no evidence," Bowles declared, "that price control has hampered production, or that business, labor, farmers or landlords are suffering any general hardship because of the government's price control program."

Bowles said he had 3,069 enforcement investigators for the entire U.S., with each man expected to cover 984 square miles. He said 15,000 to 20,000 investigators would be needed, but "we don't want that many although we do want to increase our staff."

"Lack of adequate enforcement personnel is costing the public hundreds of millions of dollars per year," he declared.

Bowles lauded the volunteer price panels and price panel assistants, and said over 5,000 labor union members are serving on OPA boards.

Bowles said OPA's food price program is "about as complete as it can be made."

He saw no hope that reliance can be placed this year on further decreases in food prices.

OPA is preparing to reduce the prices of home furnishings, he stated. He also said clothing price controls are expected to decrease prices by 6 to 7 percent by next August.

Fay-Bove Defense Loses Fight On Jury Panel in Extortion Trial

Trial of James Bove and Joseph S. Fay, AFL leaders indicted for extortion, lost the first round of their trial yesterday as Supreme Court Justice William A. Munson denied pleas from their lawyers for dismissal of the entire blue ribbon panel of 300 from among whom jurors were to be chosen and for a change of venue.

Attorneys argued for dismissal on the claim that the panel did not represent a true cross-section of the population.

Justice Munson early this month overrode defendants' objections and granted the motion of District Attorney Frank S. Hogan for the silk-stocking panel.

The case has far-reaching importance in the labor movement. Fay is vice-president of the AFL International Union of Operating Engineers and Bove was until Monday, when he quit, an international vice-president of the Hod Carriers,

Building and Common Laborers International.

Indictments now to be tried before Justice Munson arise from irregularities in connection with construction of the \$300,000,000 Delaware water project.

They are accused of having extorted the \$703,000 between January, 1936, and December, 1942, under threat of calling strikes.

District Attorney Hogan, at the time indictments were handed down nearly two years ago, accused Fay and Bove of having engaged in "brazen shakedowns" and of "shamelessly betraying the union men who gave them their titles."

Bove had a free hand in Newburgh Local 17 where the treasury was looted of hundreds of thousands of dollars, democracy was suppressed and special agreements were made with contractors, at the expense of union members, for the supplying of labor for aqueduct construction.

PM Edits Philip Murray: Deletes Affirmation of No-Strike Pledge

PM is still withholding from its readers the news that CIO President Philip Murray in his comment last Friday on the War Labor Board's wage report said:

"Now, more than ever, it is of the utmost importance to our war effort that there be maintained uninterrupted production. The CIO and its members are fully conscious of this need and therefore shall observe their no-strike pledge."

In Sunday's issue, PM's Washington story quoted only that part of Murray's

statement which reported plans for a meeting of the CIO's executive board on wage policy. This was conveniently inserted in a story building up Lewis as the champion of wage revision. The impression is thus given that the CIO is joining a move led by Lewis.

Subsequent issues of PM featured additional stories justifying strikes. But Murray's speech at Philadelphia Monday again stressing maintenance of the no-strike pledge, was again ignored by PM.

Ganley Wins 2-to-1 In Auto Local Poll

By HARRY FAINARU

DETROIT, Feb. 27. — Nat Ganley, business agent of Local 155, UAW-CIO, and a member of the national committee of the Communist Political Association, was reelected by an almost 2 to 1 majority, in one of the most hotly contested campaigns, John Anderson, president of the Local was reelected without opposition.

Out of the 17 officers and executive board members elected, the present administration of Anderson and Ganley elected 13, while the opposition elected two board members, one of whom is an incumbent.

Ganley's reelection constitutes a tremendous victory for the staunch supporters of CIO policy, for whom Ganley has been the outstanding spokesman and fighter.

Ganley played a prominent role in defending the no-strike pledge at the last U. A. W. convention.

He gave courageous leadership to the Wayne County Council of the CIO in the Ward strike, helping to

clarify the issues and cementing unity in support of CIO policies in the referendum on the pledge.

RED-BAITING CAMPAIGN

The Reutherites and their Trotzkyite allies, defeated in these schemes sought to take revenge in the local's election, concentrating their forces to defeat Ganley. A vicious campaign or red-baiting, attacking Ganley for his firm adherence to the no-strike pledge, and the fact that he was a member of the national committee of the CPA, were used in an attempt to turn the workers against him. But the membership of Local 155 did not fall for this anti-union and anti-democratic propaganda. They knew Ganley for his devotion to their interests, for his unflinching position on CIO policy.

The fighters for CIO policy have been elected in some 13 Locals during the present election.

The general picture in these locals, mainly on the East Side of Detroit, shows a decisive trend in favor of the unity and progressive forces, of those favoring the no-strike pledge, an end to factionalism and an all-out support to the CIO and the Roosevelt policy for victory and enduring peace.

In such locals as 155 and Bohn Aluminum 208 the present CIO administration has been maintained and strengthened. In others, such as Locals 202, 833 and 99, the Reuther-Melvin Bishop forces have been defeated, while in Plymouth Chrysler 7 and Dodge 3 and others, partial victories of the CIO and unity forces have been registered.

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NLRB Examiner Cracks Down on AFL Jimcrow

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—In a precedent-setting move, a National Labor Relations Board trial examiner yesterday threatened to cancel the collective bargaining rights of an AFL local unless it immediately abolished a Jimcrow local for Negroes.

The ultimatum, directed to the AFL Tobacco Workers International Local 219 at Richmond, Va., is the first of its kind issued by the NLRB. Heretofore, all such cases have been handled by the President's Fair Employment Practices Committee (FEPC). The examiner's findings may have sweeping repercussions in the South where AFL unions frequently maintain segregated locals.

Establishment of the Jimcrow local at Larus & Bros., Inc., Richmond, runs counter to the President's executive order banning discrimination, contravenes NLRB regulations by denying Negro workers adequate representation, and violates American constitutional policy the examiner, Frank Bloom, held.

The case came before the NLRB through the petition of the CIO Food & Tobacco Workers which asked the board to rescind AFL certification at Larus Bros. and to schedule a new election there.

SEPARATE LOCAL

The AFL had won a collective bargaining election at the plant March 14, 1944, defeating the CIO union 315 to 179. Two days after

the election, George Benjamin, an international vice-president of the AFL union, himself a Negro, met with Negro workers and advised them to apply for a charter for a separate local. This was later established as Local 219-B.

Hearings held by Bloom revealed that management, which signed a contract with Local 219, did not consider itself bound contractually to the Jimcrow unit, which was not a party to the agreement.

The trial examiner recommended that the AFL union be given until March 10 to get rid of the segregated unit and integrate the Negroes in a plantwide local, or face another election contest with the CIO, which previously represented the Negroes.

Bloom dealt sharply with the role of high ranking officials of the AFL international.

"In essence, the situation here presented resulted from the insistence of high-ranking officials of the International that they make decisions as to the creation of unions, a function which properly belongs to employees," he said. He said that Benjamin "directed and diverted" the Negroes into the special unit.

UAW Official Predicts End of Dodge Strike

Special to the Daily Worker

DETROIT, Feb. 27.—With a mass meeting of Dodge Main Plant strikers due to be held late this evening, Norman Matthews, director of the CIO United Auto Workers Chrysler department, predicted this afternoon workers would vote to return to their jobs.

Matthews said his hopes were based on a meeting of the executive board of Dodge Local 3, whose 14,000 members walked out over the dismissal of seven workers.

He added he received calls from many Dodge workers expressing a desire to resume work immediately. He feels the strike should never have been called, no matter what the grievances.

Because of the Dodge Main strike, 2,000 workers were laid off at the Dodge truck plant, and another 100

were made idle at the Chrysler Highland Park plant.

Army and Navy spokesmen say 68 percent of Dodge Main production is engines for light and heavy trucks, tank transmissions, rocket shells and parts for B-29 Superfortress engines.

Matthews and Joseph Rubin, assistant director of the UAW Chrysler Department, pointed out that if the company had shown more cooperation, and had allowed international union officers into the plant last Saturday, the strike could have been averted.

A Regional War Labor Board order yesterday directed strikers to return to their jobs and provided that the impartial arbitrator, operating under union contract, should review the discharges and production rates that provoked the walkout.

If the umpire should find he has no jurisdiction, the case would be heard by the NWLB.

Battle for Penn. FEPC Too Hot for Gov. Martin

HARRISBURG, Feb. 27.—Next to New York, the hottest battle for a state FEPC is developing in Pennsylvania. On one side is Gov. Edward Martin. The gentleman who nominated Gov. John Bricker for vice-president is now, like Gov. Dewey, a "liberal." He does not, like Sen. Taft, come out against an FEPC. He is all for the idea. Only it should become a part of the State Labor Relations Board, tied up with such restrictions that it would be ineffective. Or—and this is the Governor's favorite theme—it should not cost any money.

The state treasury is piling up a surplus which Democrats estimate will exceed \$400 million by 1947. But the Governor has been asking advocates of an effective FEPC:

The free Postwar Planning Commission to which the Governor refers is headed by H. W. Prentiss Jr., president of the Armstrong

Cork, and past president of the National Association of Manufacturers. Under Cover and other exposés of domestic fascists, list him as an associate of Frank Gannett's Committee for Constitutional Government, etc. Prentiss is on record as ethically opposed to planning. "God helps them who help themselves," he said in a recent speech.

Opposing Gov. Martin's "liberal" twists and turns are a number of his own party members, some of whom are joining Democrats in supporting the Brown bill, an effective measure, introduced by the Pittsburgh Democrat, Homer Brown.

The CIO is fighting for this bill. It is the kind of effective measure the State AFL is on record for, and the NAACP. The Bi-Partisan Committee for a state FEPC, headed by two Republicans, Mrs. Gifford Pinchot, and Rev. W. C. Williamson, Jr., president of the Armstrong

Daily Worker Calls Unionists' Parley

The Daily Worker has called a conference of active and progressive trade unionists, shop stewards and shop committee members to take place tomorrow evening (Thursday) at 7:30 p.m. at Webster Hall, 119 E. 11 St.

Roy Hudson, labor editor; George Morris, associate labor editor, and other members of the staff of the Daily Worker will participate in the discussion of some of the most pressing problems of the labor movement. The role of the press will also receive attention. A lively expression of opinion from the audience is expected.

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Fulfilling Our Philippines Pledge

"MY COUNTRY has kept the faith"—that's how Gen. MacArthur described the action of the United States last Tuesday in acknowledging that the Philippine government, under President Sergio Osmena, now has full civilian control in the liberated area of the islands. These words express the historic new relationship which has been brought about between the United States and the Filipinos. For they are coming out of the war, not only freed from Japanese despotism, but in full control of their own country's sovereignty—for which an entire generation of Filipinos fought so well.

This has a revolutionary significance for all of Asia, especially if our British and Dutch allies will heed the example. And it will be felt everywhere that Filipinos and other semi-colonial peoples are still under the Japanese enslavement.

The war is not being fought in Asia to preserve the old colonial relationships, to exchange masters; as in Europe, it is a war of liberation, and the experience of the Philippines proves what is possible everywhere else.

By abandoning civilian controls on the islands and returning them to the Philippine government, the United States has not only kept the faith but will immediately assist our own war effort. The Filipinos conducted a remarkable guerilla movement against Japan; it has justified itself militarily and it is now justifying itself politically. Thus the Filipino guerillas on the islands yet to be freed will take courage; the influence of the many Filipino quislings will be undermined. And all of Asia will see that the United States, at any rate, fulfills its promises. Certainly, Great Britain, Holland and France must do no less in the areas which they have dominated in the past.

But this new step toward realizing Philippine independence also imposes responsibilities on the government of Sergio Osmena. It is to be expected that the pro-Japanese elements will be drastically purged, and that goes for the Spanish Falangists as well. It is to be expected that the guerillas of Pampanga province, who fought under the leadership of the Hukbalahap party and liberated San Fernando substantially by their own efforts, will be recognized by Osmena. Their proposals for economic and constitutional reforms must be taken seriously and the American labor movement, at least, will follow Osmena's attitude in this respect as carefully as we have reacted to similar problems among our European allies.

The alliance of the Philippines and the United States has already been sealed in the blood of both peoples. Last Tuesday's ceremony gave witness that this alliance has reached a new level, of which both nations can be proud.

Two Months Too Many

TWO months have passed since President Roosevelt called for manpower legislation, and still the matter is being debated in the Senate. That's not conducive to speedy victory. It's particularly bad since the bill placed before the Senate merits the backing of all America.

When the proposal first came up in the House of Representatives there was still considerable confusion as to how the bill should read. Labor then took only a negative attitude. After the passage of the May-Bailey bill we greeted the positive move by labor which proposed certain helpful and democratic improvements. A committee headed by Sens. Wagner and Kilgore brought in a substitute measure which embodied these suggestions and at the same time continued to go to the root of the manpower difficulties.

Such gentlemen as Sens. Robert Taft and "Happy" Chandler, disregarding the crucial need for this bill, are blocking and berating this proposal. Chandler has dared to say on the Senate floor that the manpower situation was "never better." This he knows to be false. The testimony of the President, the heads of the Army and Navy and everyone else entrusted with the success of the war has been to the contrary. With a sardonic wink at Hitlerism, Chandler further goes to the length of speaking of this democratic service measure as "fascism."

As to Sen. Taft, he tries to tell the country that this bill (which so many have thought to be too weak) will be too strong. With mock dismay, he calls it an approach to "national service." What else would it be? What else does the hour require than national service?

It is regrettable that the substitute bill should have been so amended by Sens. Tydings and Austin as to give grist to the mill of those who want it defeated altogether. Labor hopes sincerely that the Senate will pass the substitute as drawn up by the special committee, and that the House will accept it, so that we can get on with the war.

FORWARD!



Between the Lines

New Hemisphere Trends

by Joseph Starobin

THE inter-American conference in Mexico City is still at mid-stream and it's premature to make conclusive judgments on it. But it is already clear that the sessions may offer a turning point in the relations between our own country and the hemisphere, and perhaps also between the Latin American nations and the rest of the world. For these reasons, it deserves the closest attention.



Edward R. Stettinius, our new Secretary of State, has already made the most important contribution by defining the basis of American foreign policy in last Thursday's speech. He said that the Crimea decisions are the cornerstone of our world policy, and we intended to pursue in the hemisphere the same policy we uphold in Europe and Asia. This seems obvious, but it is a revolutionary declaration. And it is all the more dramatic because a man like Stettinius makes it.

For the fundamental of the Crimea decision is that the vestiges of German fascism shall be eradicated. Not simply that Hitler's armies will be defeated, but that his system and everything connected with it must be swept away from the stage of history.

From 1933 to 1942, the Good Neighbor policy was a pledge of juridical equality for the nations of the hemisphere; the older forms of American imperialist intervention had been abandoned, but the United States had not yet come to grips with two issues which would give content to inter-American relations. It had not come to grips with the semi-feudal and backward economies of our Latin American neighbors, which in practice made them unequal to us, despite all juridical formulas; and it had not yet come to grips with the necessity of democratic advance—elementary rights of freedom of press and organization, freedom for democratic political parties to express themselves in parliamentary ways. Dictatorships of one kind or another were still the rule below the Rio Grande.

Sumner Welles'
Double Standard

Sumner Welles, an important formulator of our Latin American

policy has been arguing for 15 months that the United States will wreck the Good Neighbor policy if it continues to oppose the fascist dictatorship of Argentina. He says that the isolation of Argentina constitutes a violation of her right to pursue her internal affairs as she pleases. And if this isolation is continued, we shall be undermining what was achieved since 1933. Mr. Welles, whose influence should not be underestimated, has actually proposed a double-standard: one policy in the world coalition, another policy for the hemisphere.

But Stettinius has shifted the ground to a much higher level. It is no longer merely a matter of fulfilling the Rio de Janeiro pledge to declare war on the Axis: the real problem is to eradicate fascism in the hemisphere, as a manifestation of Nazi-fascism abroad.

If this principle is accepted, it not only prevents the fascist Argentines from coming back into the inter-American system without internal changes, but it lays down a long-term principle which can help to undermine reactionary dictatorships in the most important American countries.

For the purposes of this conference, Brazil is working with the United States and Mexico against the influence of Argentina, and nobody with a sense of realities and the priorities of politics will seriously dispute the wisdom of this strategy. But in the longer run, the Stettinius principle must influence events in the direction of giving a democratic content to all the American republics.

Economic Policy

But this can't be done without an adequate economic policy, and that is the second thing which is emerging at Mexico City. Here, also, a relatively conservative American businessman, William C. Clayton, is playing a very progressive role, whether he knows it or not.

Worth Repeating

OUTSTANDING AMERICANS are quoted in opposition to the move to deport Harry Bridges, West Coast labor leader, in a new pamphlet issued by the Harry Bridges Committee, in which this appears: "Ask Bartley C. Crum, prominent San Francisco attorney, independent Republican and Wendell Willkie's West Coast campaign manager and he will tell you. 'We who live and work in California know that Bridges' deportation would be an irreparable blow to the win-the-war unity of all our people.'

Change the World

IN A Ph.D. thesis written by Joshua Kunitz for Columbia, the author made a study of how Jews were portrayed in classic Russian literature (pre-Soviet, of course).

Dr. Kunitz discovered that most progressive and anti-tsarist authors could not rise above their racial fixations.

The Jews described in the fiction of even the great humanitarians like Tolstoy, Chekhov or Gorky were usually small, cringing, sly and a bit cowardly. We know in America how the Negro has been typed in the same manner by Hollywood, the Saturday Evening Post and other agencies.

Such patterns are the hardest thing in the world to shake loose, and are responsible for pogroms, race riots and subhuman prejudices. They may remain passive in the mind for many years. But when some Hitler arrives to manipulate them for his evil ends, look out!

STEPIN FETCHIT is the sort of Negro actor who injures his own people by helping keep alive a slanderous pattern.

A Jew like Harry Hirschfeld, with his phony dialect stories harms the Jews and helps the Hitlerites.

Race patterns are slowly but surely crumbling during the vast people's war. Nobody in this country, for instance, is ever going to insult a Chinese or Filipino again with impunity.



by Mike Gold

Too many American boys in the Orient have learned to respect and love their brave allies.

One hears numerous reports of discrimination against Negro troops. But as many stories come in of newly-formed friendship between Negro and white soldiers. The world moves.

ONE of the favorite boogie-patterns of Hitlerites has been the "Jewish Communist," the Devil himself, the Elder of Zion who controls billion-dollar banks and at the same time schemes to make a revolution against everything.

The mother of a Bronx friend named Frank Weissman, died last week. Her son wrote me a letter from which I print some extracts. See if this grand old lady fits the Hitlerized pattern of a strange and diabolical Jewish-Communist.

"My mother was 82. She had a tough struggle all her life. She bore 10 children, six of whom died. My father died when I was six, and she had the burden of taking care of a big house and many children. She never thought of re-marrying. Even when my father lived, she had to be the economic head of the family, it seems.

"Anyway, with all the tough breaks, nobody ever heard her complain. She was very efficient, a realist and a worker. She had political realism, too, though she had never read Marx or Lenin. But how she loved to

Old Prejudices Die Hard But They Die

read her Yiddish Communist daily, the Freiheit!

"When I was taking her in the ambulance to the hospital, she had 105 fever. Pneumonia had set in and she must have been in coma. But she asked me for the Freiheit. Two days before she died she was unable any longer to read. She had to miss the Freiheit for two days. She said finally that if she couldn't go on reading her Freiheit then life was no longer worth living.

"She was always heart and soul with the cause. At our Communist club parties, she would bake the cakes and other delicacies. She never once scolded me when I was younger and gave up my job to work for the movement, though it meant hardships for the family.

"Her attitude was always that nobody ever did enough for progress. In the last 10 years she suffered from arthritis and could not get around. Accustomed to being active, it aged her a lot to be so helpless. She suffered much pain, and was lonesome. But she never complained, not so long as she knew I was busy with Communist and war work.

"Although I have two sisters buried in another cemetery, my mother wanted to be with her own people in the cemetery of the International Workers Order. The best I could wish for my own daughters or anyone else's children is that they grow up as good as my mother.

"In working for the Communist Political Association I will always feel I am carrying out my mother's deepest wishes for me."

Listen Here,



Mr. Editor

Communists Have Fought Well

Brooklyn.

Editor, Daily Worker:

I read with interest an article

"Army Retraction on Reds" with

Rankin's diatribe followed by

Chairman May's comment.

It is about time we made ourselves heard on this question. The youngsters in our C.P.A. have wholeheartedly enlisted their all in this all out struggle. How many fathers and mothers in our Association do we know whose sons and daughters are on every fighting front and the boys and girls who are our young comrades on their own. The many who have distinguished themselves. The Bob Thomsons and others.

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I've just received a cablegram from my son—a staff sergeant and a former YCLer — that he has completed his missions over Berlin; and I say this with pride—a chest full of decorations. We must fight and show up such talk.

SAM GREENBERG.

German Scientists Teach Nazism

Brooklyn.

Editor, Daily Worker:

I believe that it is pertinent to stress now and not let up on the fact that the present German scientists in Hitler's domain are not men with illy-white hands and hearts, concerned primarily with science and not with political affairs. Our maudlin intellectuals may soon raise their sister voices to protest any action against these scientists. Such unwarranted sympathy must be scotched at its very start.

Ought we not remember that the German universities have bred reaction for many years and have poisoned the minds of the students? What liberalism there may have been among the teaching staff was done away with by the aryanizing by Hitler. Those that remained inculcated the youth with Fascist "science."

HERMAN LINDEN.

Reader Discussion On Literature

Brooklyn.

Editor, Daily Worker:

How about a little discussion on literature with readers participating? I am ready and anxious to make the start: I just finished reading the Cross and the Arrow, by Albert Maltz.

When I read the last sentence, I closed the book and found myself mumbling, "A splendid book. A powerful book."

Then questions began to creep into my head. How does this American author know the German people of 1942? Was he in Germany at that time? If not, how would he know how those people talked, how they felt and how they looked and how they acted? Or did he use his imagination, based on the reports that crept out of Germany? If so, how can I trust his imagination? How do I know he gave the right interpretation of the inner thoughts and feelings of so many individuals?

If my questions are queer or senseless, all the more reason for a little discussion on literature, don't you think?

FANNY FOX.

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Let's Face It

To a greater degree than ever before, there has developed a coalition of labor and middle class groups during the current session of the State Legislature in Albany which is tending to isolate the groups that traditionally speak for a reactionary section of big business in the state.

The coalition is not an organized one and its composition varies somewhat on particular issues. But the two labor organizations, AFL and CIO, which have always worked quite closely with each other at the state capitol, pretty generally find themselves backed by every major middle class group and by sections of the population with which they had little association in the past.

The most vocal of the reactionary spokesmen, and the one that generally organizes the opposition to progressive measures, is the Real Estate Board of New York, which is the "front" for certain feudal-minded financial interests in the state.

In the case of commercial rents and the mortgage moratorium, the labor organizations entered the fight for the economic needs of other sections of the population perhaps to a greater extent than ever before, though labor was itself affected. The labor groups appeared as defenders of the interests of manufacturers, professionals, storekeepers who wanted commercial rent ceilings im-



by Max Gordon

posed; and of small homeowners who wanted the mortgage moratorium continued.

THE permanent FEPC hearing saw the two labor organizations aligned with the representatives of the overwhelming majority of the state's population, including all classes and groups.

The budget discussions represent what is probably the most significant shift in the position taken by certain sections of the middle class that once backed the fight for "economy budgets." For years the Real Estate Board was successful in lining up local taxpayers, real estate and business groups to support it in its fight for lower state taxes and decreased expenditures for social services. Yet these groups were really bucking their own economic interests.

While the state raises money chiefly through income, business and corporate taxes—as well as through various license taxes—local governments must raise money primarily through real estate taxes. When state taxes and appropriations for social services are cut, state aid to municipalities for such purposes as education, health and other social services is reduced. These reductions have to be made up by increased local taxes, thereby increasing the load on homeowners and local real estate owners.

Local taxpayers' groups have begun to realize this and are now lining up with advocates of greater state appropriations for social purposes. Thus, Gov. Dewey, in announcing early

Taxpayers Are Lining Up With Labor at Albany

in the session that he was taking steps to revise the Friedsam Formula for state aid to education, cited the fact that taxpayers' organizations had appealed to him to take this step.

The contradiction between the large state treasury surplus and the financial plight of most municipalities has also swung local city administrations and citizens' groups interested in local finances, irrespective of party, into the camp of those favoring more liberal state budget policies. One of the most impressive witnesses at the budget hearing was Curtiss E. Frank, Republican mayor of Yonkers.

FRANK took a poke at Gov. Dewey's attempt to ascribe the above-mentioned contradiction to efficiency of the state and the inefficiency of the municipalities. He noted that while the tax base of the state has increased enormously through swollen war incomes, the tax base of the cities—real estate—has declined during the war because of decline in the condition, and hence the value, of properties. He also noted that there is a constitutional tax and debt limit for cities which make it impossible for them to raise much more than they are raising now.

The problem of state-city financial relations is likely to become a hot political issue for the remainder of the session. Democrats and laborites are demanding a greater share of state monies for the cities and they are being joined by Republican legislators from the big cities.

FEPC Hearing Is Lesson to Teachers

Teheran and Yalta; and Albany has already shown with what swiftness and boldness dozens and even hundreds of new forces have measured their former approaches in that way, found them wanting—yes, and cast them away. And that means that it is no longer only among the "cream" of their colleagues, or of the communities in which they teach, that educators will find support when they set out to tackle discriminatory practices in the schools. They will also find their support—if they look for it—among sectors both of their own profession, and of the general public, to whom they wouldn't perhaps even have dreamed of turning before.

WHAT is more, they will win that support all the more fully to the extent that they themselves do not merely react to a series of painful emergencies, at the moments when the grim undercurrents of prejudice spurt forward to strike at their victims. It is the undercurrents themselves that now wait to be tackled—and systematically. There are textbooks that must be withdrawn for example, and others that must be written; there are ancient lies to be rooted out of the student mind, and new truths to be firmly implanted there. It is not a defensive, but an offensive job that teachers and parents must now begin—and the forces are there, now, to begin it with.

Making the Grade

THERE was a superb demonstration of alert and unified action at Albany last week in the response shown to the public hearing on the Ives-Quinn anti-discrimination bill. It would bear thinking about by teachers and others intent on rooting out of our free public schools the ugly vestiges of anti-Semitism and anti-Negro sentiments and practices still to be found among both faculties and student bodies.

When the smoke had cleared away from Senator Couder's "clever" maneuver to delay and forestall the bill by way of a public hearing, there could be no doubt that the foes of the bill had taken a terrific beating. Cry as they might that they had been defeated by a "well-organized minority," it was simply impossible for them to cover up the fact that what had hit them was nothing other than American democracy itself, expressing itself through all the thousand and one channels—economic, social, political—through which it is being shaped and carried forward today.

That not all the forces that gathered on Capitol Hill that day to fight for equality had always been part of that fight; that some of them had even been in the past on the other side of the fight; and that even at this moment



by Harold Collins

issues could no doubt be found on which those who now spoke together might yet have their differences, and perhaps fundamental ones—all this makes more, and not less, significant the fact that on this issue they had found quickly a common ground and a common objective.

IT IS only too true, unfortunately, that in the past effective resistance to discrimination in the educational world has come chiefly from an articulate handful of the teaching staffs, and from only the boldest of parent and community groups. One shudders to think of the unnamed and unpunished crimes that have been committed against our children, both in the content and in the very process of their education, because there were those who would not "stick their necks out"; who saw the job of fighting discrimination as "too big to handle"; who suspected the "motives" of those who fought it; who found their hope—and their refuge—in the benevolent action of "time," or of "committees to study the question."

But these are days when such hesitations must stand against the gigantic backdrop of

Bulgaria Drawing Up Indictments Against 110 Leading Anti-Semites

Bulgarians charged with anti-Semitic activities will shortly go on trial, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency reported this week from Sofia.

Announcement that the Bulgarian Peoples Court is preparing indictments against 110 already accused is seen as exploding a rumor current in Jewish American circles that the Kimon Georgiev government has not improved the status of Bulgaria's Jewish population.

Criminal categories up for trial include:

1. The former Commissar of Jewish Affairs, Alexander Beleff, and his assistants and co-workers.
2. All those who mistreated Jews in concentration camps.
3. Persons who wrote or published anti-Semitic literature.
4. Persons who terrorized Jews in the towns and villages to which they were exiled from Sofia and other large cities.
5. Liquidators of Jewish property, such as lawyers, judges and other functionaries.

Soviet Paper Bares Plans For Nazi Underground

The Soviet Union took the lead yesterday to put the world on guard against far-flung Nazi attempts to foil the disarmament plans of the United Nations, as the Communist newspaper Pravda gave details of Nazi preparations for a third world war.

GI Chutes Message To Russian Soldiers

A message from "An American Soldier" to "A Russian Soldier" was delivered by parachute Monday when a Mustang fighter pilot dropped the note over Soviet lines after safely convoying U.S. bombers to Berlin.

Written in Russian by Corp. Paul Goldenstein of New York City, formerly of Kishinev, the note said:

"Berlin is getting nearer, Comrades. It's kind of battered after attacks like today by our Eighth Air Force, but it's still the home of those damn Nazis. So, as you fight on closer and closer, remember those planes in the sky with the white star are with you every rugged inch of the way to total victory."

South Group Giving Dinner to First Lady

The South and its relation to national welfare will be discussed by four prominent speakers at the March 6 dinner sponsored by the Southern Conference for Human Welfare in honor of Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt at the Hotel Commodore.

Speakers will be Roscoe Dunjee, editor of the Black Dispatch of Oklahoma City; Mark Ethridge, publisher of the Louisville Courier Journal; Dr. Frank P. Graham, president of the University of North Carolina and Dr. Homer P. Rainey, former president of the University of Texas.

Reichstag Fire 12th Anniversary

It was 12 years ago yesterday that Hitler sent the Reichstag building up in flames, and called it a "Communist plot." Of course, der Fuehrer reckoned without Communist Leader George Dimitrov, who exposed the Nazi plot to the world.

On trial, Dimitrov proved that the Reichstag fire was part and parcel of the Nazi plan to destroy the democratic forces in Germany.

will function from neutral countries.

The headquarters for this far-flung "sixth column" is in Munich. It functions under Wilhelm Schepmann, one of the organizers of anti-American sabotage during the occupation of the Ruhr in 1923.

Ernst Kaltenbrunner, chief of the Gestapo and head of the military intelligence; Werner von Alvensleben, Hitler's personal friend, and officers of the Nazi security service—Schellenberg and Melle—are already at work, the Soviet paper declared.

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Wheeler Fears Big 3 Decisions To Crush Nazis

Daily Worker Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—Sen. Burton K. Wheeler (D-Mont.) who opposed America's entry into the war, denounced the Crimea agreement decision on Germany in a radio broadcast over the Columbia Broadcasting hookup last night.

The former America Firster called the Big Three's plans for the policing of Germany a program "to partition, dismember, de-industrialize and enslaved the German nation all in the sweet name of peace."

The Senator's speech was chock full of abuse. He referred to what he called "the ugly impudence" of the Crimea decisions, for world security. He made the usual attack on the Lublin Polish government. He said that Yugoslavia had been "betrayed." He scolded the British and Soviet governments, and indicated his desire for a negotiated peace with Germany by saying the Crimea decisions for the subjugation of Germany would "stiffen German resistance."

Pope Better

VATICAN CITY, Feb. 27 (UP).—Pope Pius XII today announced he planned to resume regular audiences Friday, his sixty-ninth birthday and the sixth anniversary of his election to the Papacy.

7,000 Bombay Province Peasants Hold Parley

By SHARAF ATHAR ALI

By Cable to Allied Labor News

BOMBAY, Feb. 27.—The basis for a Bombay province Kisan Sabha (peasant union) was established last week at the first provincial Kisan conference, held at Titwala and by 7,000 peasants from nearly every district in the province. Many came on foot from long distances, some covering hundreds of miles.

Welcoming the peasants, Gangaram Mane, chairman of the reception committee, pointed to the fact that the hitherto unorganized peasantry had now awakened, adding:

"Today we have 7,000 Kisan Sabha members in this district alone and the foundation for a Kisan organization has been laid. I am glad to find that a similar growth of the Kisan Sabha has taken place in other districts of the province."

Among the 24 resolutions adopted, one appealed to all patriotic parties to cooperate in establishing joint food committees to protect the peasant and to eradicate hoarding and profiteering so as to guarantee the success of rationing in towns and an equitable distribution of

grain in rural areas at controlled prices.

The political resolution demanded release of imprisoned national leaders and exhorted the people to work for unity between the National Congress and the Muslim League for a national government.

WHAT'S ON

RATES: What's On notices for the Daily and The Worker are 25¢ per line (8 words to a line—3 lines minimum).

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Italian Women Thank Seamen For Gifts They Gave to Partisans

While the American merchant ship SS Costin was anchored in Italian waters last December, its crew members organized a harbor-wide clothing drive which resulted in a wonderful Christmas present for the Italian Partisans in the north and also the Garibaldi Division fighting in Slovenia.

Officers and men of six ships docked in the harbor gave their personal belongings to the Unione Donne Italiane, a women's auxiliary to the six coalition parties, who in turn give it to the Italian Partisans.

In a letter to the Union of Italian Women, released here yesterday by the Philadelphia offices of the National Maritime Union, the crew of the SS Costin wrote:

"We American merchant seamen give you this little present of

clothing as a Christmas present from American labor to the people of Italy who are fighting against the German invader."

And, from the Union of Italian Women, the seamen received this note of thanks:

"Tell your friends and our friends that 20 years of fascism has not destroyed the friendship we have always had for the United States."

"The best guarantees for the future of our land are our partisans and heroic women in the occupied regions combatting the Nazi-Fascist murderers."

"Long live the solidarity of the peoples of the United Nations! Long live the heroic anti-Fascist merchant seamen of the United States!"

Report New Romania Gov't Being Formed

LONDON, Feb. 27 (UP).—Discussions from Bucharest indicated today that King Michael of Romania had just concluded a conference with leading army generals

and other political figures to form a new government.

A crowd of a hundred thousand persons thronged the streets of the Romanian capital Saturday demand-

ing the resignation of Premier Nicolai Radescu.

(The Moscow radio said that nine members of the cabinet, including Deputy Premier Petre Groza, had

sent a telegram to King Michael demanding the "immediate dismissal" of Radescu.

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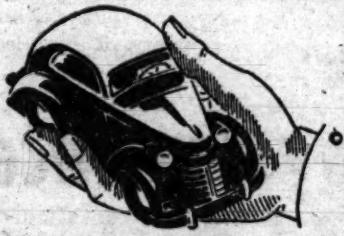
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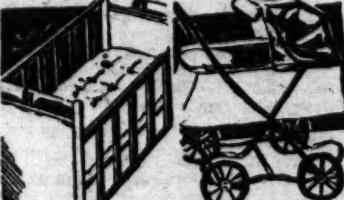
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The Lowdown

Taking Short Shots
In Sundry Directions

By Nat Low

Somebody wanted to know why we were making so much fuss over Ray Robinson. The reason is quite simple. Really. Our enthusiasm stems from the fact that for almost two full years we've been watching "minor league" fighters in action so that when a real major leaguer came along it was like a fresh gust of spring wind—and didn't you feel it yesterday?

There's no fun writing sports when you can't write about truly great athletes. It's hard enough, on a paper such as ours, to write sports in the first place while a great war rages in the world—but when you have to write about second-raters them it's worse still.

Thus, the deep sigh of relief over a great athlete like Robinson who is a portent of the goldenest golden age of them all which will surely come after the war.

As for Bill Mardo's excursions into fancy re a Robinson-Louis fight; well, it's nice thinking about and makes filling a sports column a much easier task than it is these days.

No such fight will ever take place, you understand, but the mere fact that veteran boxing writers even discussed it at the Garden Friday is proof of Robinson's greatness. You simply aren't discussed in the same breath with Louis if you aren't quite a fisticuffer yourself.

Anyway, as I said in Sunday's piece, if you are a sports fan—and you must be if you read this page—you must see Robinson yourself to believe all that's been said of him.

And before we go any further, an old-time boxing writer, and a steady reader of this paper, Abe Newman, was at the Garden Friday and here are some of the things he has to say:

"... I tell you that Robinson is a better man than the wonderful Henry Armstrong was in his prime. All things being equal you've got to go for the boy who is the 'exploder.' Sugar Ray is the human time bomb who can chop your head off with one wallop. In this he has it over 'Little Henry,' a heavy hitter, but one of the wearing-down type."

Paul Robeson, Jr., Cornell's gridiron ace, is entered in the IC4A at the Garden Saturday night. The younger Robeson will be in the high jump.

Maurice Richard's new modern hockey scoring record of 45 goals has practically been overlooked. The amazing Canadian forward rolled along at a goal-a-game clip and still has eight contests to go. He'll probably set a mark that will stand for many, many years, if not forever, and the only man who predicted he would do it is your own Phil Watson who played with the Canadiens last year, as you'll remember.

The first major league roster of the season is on our desk and it comes from the Washington Senators. Like last year's wartime edition it's a simple affair with a photo of the Capitol on the cover. . . . Most interesting thing about it is that it shows no less than 13 Latin Americans on the club.

Al Grenert, NYU courtster, has been held to two and six points respectively in his last two games against St. John's and Army and that justifies our early season statement that he is not quite the ace he was supposed to be. Grenert is a marvelous marksman all right and can hit the basket from almost any angle, but he is not a well-balanced floorman and cannot solve problems as rapidly as is necessary. Many of his scores this year were set up by Sid Tanenbaum, who is a skillful feeder besides being a high scorer.

The Adventures of Richard —

A Little Cooperation Goes Long Way

By Mike Singer

Richard and No-Nose came into the hallway and saw Alby, the janitor's son, cleaning the stairs with a broom. "What's the matter, Alby, why you cleaning the hall?" Richard asked.

"My father's sick and all the steps gotta be cleaned. I gotta wash the hall windows too," Alby said.

No-Nose suggested that they call in the gang and help.

And so it happened that Richard swept the steps and No-Nose mopped the hall and Menash waxed the banisters and Flekel washed the windows and Fatso emptied the garbage pails into the big cans in the cellar—and the neighbors dared not leave their apartments.

Mrs. Pepper started to go out and saw the flood in the hall.

"My goodness," she cried, "I'll drown out there. Why don't you mop instead of emptying the pail?"

"Ain't no flood, Mrs. Pepper," No-Nose said, "that's just the mop drippin'."

"Looks more like Niagara Falls," Mrs. Pepper replied, "I'll stay home until you're finished."

Then Mr. Melsofsky came into the house and put his hand on the bannister.

"That guy oughta have horns in his head."

Ed McKeever New Cornell Grid Coach

Edward C. McKeever, acting athletic director and football coach at Notre Dame, yesterday was appointed head football coach at Cornell, succeeding Carl Snavely.

His appointment was announced by athletic director Robert J. Kane following a luncheon of the Board of Athletics at which McKeever was the honor guest. The terms and length of the contract were not disclosed.

The minor leagues are in an uproar over the fact that they aren't represented on the committee which is going to pick a new baseball commissioner. They demand 50-50 representation.

In all likelihood they will not get it. Definitely.

Lightweight Ike Williams and Willie Joyce, who meet at the Garden Friday night, both passed their physical exams yesterday.

S'prized?

Commuque: No word from Gunder Hagg yet.

Maurice Richard, who set a new hockey scoring record Sunday when he notched his 45th goal of the season, is not, believe it or not, leading the league.

Teammates Elmer Lach has 67 points to his 66 on the basis of 21 goals and 46 assists while Richard has 45 goals and 21 assists.

Ab DeMarco of the Rangers is way up there in sixth place with 21 goals and 26 assists—not bad for a fifth place club, eh?

Bucko McDonald will probably win the Lady Byng trophy for sportsmanship in hockey this year. Blasting Bucko has not had a penalty handed him all season—and not because he hasn't been dishing out body-checks, either.

NAT LOW

11 A.M. TO NOON

11:00 WEAF—Road of Life
WOR—News; Talk; Music
WJZ—Breakfast With Breneman
WABC—Amanda—Sketch
WQXR—Alma Dettinger, News
11:15 WEAF—Rosemary—Sketch
WABC—Second Husband
11:30 WEAF—Star Playhouse
WOR—Take It Easy Time
WJZ—News; Music
WABC—Bright Horizon
WQXR—Concert Music
11:45 WEAF—David Harum
WOR—What's Your Idea?
WABC—Aunt Jenny's Stories
11:55 WOR—Lanny and Ginger, Songs

NOON TO 2 P.M.

12:00 WEAF—Don Goddard, News
WOR—News; Music
WJZ—Glamour Manor
WABC—News; Kate Smith's Chat
12:15 WEAF—Talk—Maggi McNellis
WABC—Big Sister
12:30 WEAF—11th Naval District Coast Guard Band
WOR—News; the Answer Man
WJZ—News; Farm—Home Makers
WABC—Helen Trent
12:45 WEAF—Our Gal Sunday
1:00 WEAF—Mary Margaret McBride
WOR—Jack Bundy's Album
WJZ—H. R. Bauschage, News
WABC—Life Can Be Beautiful
1:15 WOR—Lopen Orchestra
WJZ—Woman's Exchange Show
WABC—Ma Perkins
1:30 WEAF—Bernardine Flynn, News
WMCA—Recorded Music
1:45 WEAF—Morgan Beatty, News
WOR—American Woman's Jury
WJZ—Galen Drake
WABC—The Goldbergs

2 P.M. TO 6 P.M.

2:00 WEAF—The Guiding Light
WOR—Cedric Foster, News
WJZ—John B. Kennedy, News
WABC—Joyce Jordan, M.D.
2:15 WEAF—Today's Children
WOR—Talk—Jane Cowl
WJZ—Galen Drake
WABC—Two on a Clue
2:30 WEAF—Woman in White
WOR—News; Never Too Old
WJZ—Ladies, Be Seated
WABC—Perry Mason
WQXR—Request Music
2:45 WEAF—Hymns of All Churches
WABC—Tena and Tim
3:00 WEAF—A Woman of America
WOR—Martha Deane Program
WJZ—Correspondents Abroad
WABC—Mary Martin
3:15 WEAF—Ma Perkins
WJZ—Andrini Continentales
WABC—The High Places
WMCA—Ethel Colby—Talk
3:30 WEAF—Pepper Young's Family
WOR—Rambling With Gambling
WJZ—Beautiful Music
WABC—Sing Along Club
3:45 WEAF—Right to Happiness
4:00 WEAF—Backstage Wife
WOR—News; Jay Johnson, Songs
WJZ—Westbrook Van Voorhis, News
WABC—House Party

Tonight at the Garden:

Temple, LIU Picked Over NYU, Oklahoma

By PHIL GORDON

NYU's Violets will put their post-season hopes in the fire tonight at the Garden when they tackle Temple's Owls in the second game of a double header that will also see LIU's Blackbirds play Oklahoma's tiny Sooners, who average only 5-10.

NYU already has one victory over the Owls this season, having beaten the boys down in Philly. But the Temple guys were off that night, just having finished a three-game five-day schedule that left them wide open for the speedy, well-conditioned Violets. Thus, tonight's game should be a tougher one.

For the Violets, this is a must contest if they hope to get a berth in the NCAA post-season tourney. They stand little chance of getting into the Invitation Tournament although they are by no means out. A victory tonight plus another win over CCNY next week might conceivably give them the nod over Nat Holman's Beavers.

That's why the boys will be scrapping harder than ever. But Temple is no pushover. Playing the most difficult schedule of any eastern team, the Owls have won 15 and lost 6, defeating such standouts as Oklahoma Aggies, Tennessee, Muhlenberg, Valley Forge General Hospital, West Virginia and Penn State twice. They lost to St. John's in overtime, 43-41.

Although a hot-and-cold outfit like NYU, the Owls have more height and greater resourcefulness and we're picking 'em to beat the Violets this evening.

In the opener, LIU's Blackbirds, who have won six straight, tackle Oklahoma and should win. The Blackbirds are playing their last game and have a season's record of 13 wins and 5 defeats—better than NYU's.

The Sooners are basically a defensive club, but the hard-driving Blackbirds should be able to do the trick. LIU, by a small margin.

Lineups Tonight:

FIRST GAME, 8:15 P.M.
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23—Meinholt C. Brinegar—20
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32—Goldstein R.G. Lindenborg—24
LONG ISLAND RESERVES: Solomon (20), Becker (24), Kory (29), Ebenas (38), Cascia (29), Haas (30), Sherman (34), Verdeschi (35).
OKLAHOMA U. RESERVES: Potts (13), Fowler (15), Whitehouse (16), Eltinge (19), Whaley (43), Krouse (49).

SECOND GAME

No. NYU Pos. TEMPLE No.
25—Grenert L.F. Rullo—35
8—Forman R.F. Rosen—42
23—Schaefer C. Budd—36
6—Tanenbaum L.G. Hewson—43
7—Mangiapane R.G. Joyce—19
NYU RESERVES: Benanti (3), Sarah (4), Monasch (10), Walsh (11), Pientzas (12), Most (14), Kravitz (18), Wells (24).
TEMPLE RESERVES: Tager (32), Mayer (33), Rodger (34), Krug (37), Burns (39), Bramble (40).

Promises Action On Anti-Semitism Bill

Rep. Walter A. Lynch has promised the Jewish Peoples Committee that he will exert all efforts to assure passage of his bill excluding anti-Semitic and other discriminatory matters from the U. S. mails. Max Perlow, JPC president, said yesterday. The bill H.R. 2328, Perlow added, was reintroduced in Congress last Friday.

The campaign for the enactment of the measure will receive special attention at the Trade Union Conference which is called by the JPC for Saturday, March 3, at the Commodore Hotel. The conference will act on two main questions: the role of the trade union movement in combatting anti-Semitism and current trends and developments in Jewish life toward strengthening anti-Fascist unity.

RADIO

WMCA—570 Ke. WKVD—1330 Ke.
WEAF—600 Ke. WNEW—1180 Ke.
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WJZ—770 Ke. WHN—1860 Ke.
WNYC—830 Ke. WOV—1280 Ke.
WABC—880 Ke. WQWY—1480 Ke.
WINS—1000 Ke. WQXR—1560 Ke.

4:15 WEAF—Stella Dallas

WJZ—Variety Musicals

4:25 WABC—News Reports

4:30 WEAF—Lorenzo Jones

WOR—Food and Home Forum

WJZ—Vincent Sheehe, from Europe

WABC—Feature Story

4:45 WEAF—Young Widder Brown

WJZ—Hoy Harrigan

WABC—Recorded Music

5:00 WEAF—When Girl Marries

WOR—Uncle Don

WJZ—Terry and the Pirates

WABC—WACS on Parade

WQXR—News; Music

5:15 WEAF—Portia Faces Life

WOR—Superman

WJZ—Dick Tracy

WQXR—Fun with Music

5:30 WEAF—Just Plain Bill

WOR—House of Mystery

WJZ—Jack Armstrong

WABC—Terry Allen, Songs

WMCA—News; Jerry Baker, Songs

WQXR—Books are Bullets

5:45 WEAF—Front-Page Farrell

WOR—Adventures of Tom Mix

WJZ—Capitol Midnight

WABC—Wilderness Road

WQXR—Man About Town

6 P.M. TO 9 P.M.

6:00 WEAF—News Reports

WOR—Sydney Mosley, News

WJZ—Kernan's News Corner

WABC—Quincy Howe, News

6:15 WEAF—Concert Music

WOR—Ramonas, Songs

WJZ—Ethel and Albert

WABC—Lyn Murray Orchestra

6:30 WEAF—Fred Vandeverte, News

WJZ—News; Who's War?—Talk

WABC—Eileen Farrell, Soprano

6:40 WEAF—Sports—Bill Stern

6:45 WEAF—Lowell Thomas

WOR—Sports—Stan Lomax

WJZ—Peggy Mann, Songs

WABC—The World Today—News

6:55 WABC—Joseph C. Harsch, News

7:00 WEAF—Supper Club, Variety

WJZ—Cor



Peggy Ann Garner as Francie Nolan, and James Dunn as Johnny Nolan, in a scene from Betty Smith's *A Tree Grows in Brooklyn*, 20th Century Fox film opening today (Wednesday) at the Roxy Theatre.

This Year's Film Academy Awards Miss the Whole Point

By MILDRED FLEMING

HOLLYWOOD.

The prestige of the motion picture industry is undoubtedly enhanced by the Academy Awards—by the fact that an industry thinks so highly of its product that it wishes to bestow a mark of approval on the "best." But there are many features about the present method of bestowing "Oscars" which tend to lessen the value of the award, the importance of the industry, and the power of films.

The first selection of pictures to receive the award is made by the studios producing them, thus narrowing the field to all but a very few. Then the natural tendency is for each studio worker to vote for the picture made at his studio because his job will be influenced by the additional prestige enjoyed by the company winning the award. Therefore, the larger the studio personnel, the more apt is the studio to win the award.

Columbia Studio has refused to enter any of their productions, though they have explained that this does not prevent their employees from receiving awards for individual oscars in acting, directing, photography, art-directing, etc. And the Academy eliminated extras

from the categories of voting studio-workers because it was felt that in the past their votes were cast in the interests of those directors who gave them the most work.

ANOTHER FACTOR

But the most basic deficiency in this Academy-Awarding was indicated when the Hollywood Writers' Mobilization felt the necessity for granting a special writers' award to "Tomorrow the World" because of what it had to say—because of its maturity of outlook as well as sound entertainment value—because specifically it is a "dramatically powerful presentation of the real nature of the enemy."

What contribution a picture makes to furthering democracy should be an important consideration in awarding the Oscar for the Best Picture. How realistically does the picture portray a certain segment of life? Should poetic or dramatic license be interpreted as the right to distort the truth? For instance, "Gone With The Wind" is a case of historical distortion which gives a misinterpretation of that phase of American life and is a reflection upon the integrity of the studio that made it and in fact upon the whole film-making industry.

New Edition of Ralph Fox Book 'The Novel and the People'

A new edition of *The Novel and the People* by Ralph Fox will soon be brought out by International Publishers. The book has been out of print for some time. The forthcoming edition will contain biographical material and a critical estimate of Fox's political-literary writings. Fox, who was a Political Commissar with the International Brigade, died in action in Spain at the age of 37—at which time he had to his credit dozen books including a discussion of the basic aspects of Socialist realism and proletarian fiction.

NBC Music Festival Features New Works by Shostakovich

A brilliant three-program Shostakovich Chamber Music Festival, including music rushed to NBC from Moscow by RCA Radiophoto and airplane for American premieres, is scheduled for Saturdays, March 3 to March 17, inclusive (NBC, 11 to 11:30 a.m.).

The cycle opens on March 3 with Shostakovich's Piano Quintette in G Minor, Opus 57 performed by Arthur Balsam, pianist; Mischa Mischakoff and Daniel Guleit, violinists; Benar Heifetz, cellist and Carlton Cooley, violist.

The following Saturdays—March 10 and 17—feature, respectively, 2 renditions.

Wit, Courage and Thrills Mark Flyers' Tales of Mediterranean

MEDITERRANEAN SWEEP, Air Stories from El Alamein to Rome, by Maj. Richard Thrulsen, A.C. and Lt. Elliott Arnold, A.C. Duell, Sloan and Pierce, New York, 278 pp. \$3.00.

Reviewed by LOUIS F. BUDENZ

Miles upon miles of black, barren lava extended in all directions. The two men, Street and Magee, sat under the lone tree anywhere visible, and waited.

They had been waiting for five days, but felt better now. More water and food had been thrown down to them by the Wellington which had located them three days before. The sun-heated cauldron of the day and the polar cold of the night would be more bearable till rescue came. The plane had told them by a note that the expedition to help them was sweating and struggling northward with bolling radiators and against rocky terrain.

This is a portion of the daring adventure presented in *The Rescue*, one of the chapters of *Mediterranean Sweep*. That incident recounts the loss of the Liberator Big Job when returning from the bombing of Cosimo airfield in Sicily and the wanderings and rescue of six of its crew after ten days sufferings in the African wastes. Seven miles from Street and Magee four had been found by the searching planes and were finally saved. Four others of the crew were never seen and perished in the vast void of the lava-laden desert.

STRAIGHT TO THE POINT

The stories are done up in a pleasing style. Once in a while we run into a line like this one: "The Nazis were caught with their planes down." The narrative in general is straight to the point, the thrill consisting in the contents of the adventure. Etchings of planes in action, done in pastel colors by Maj. John Lavalle, are generously sprinkled through the book, and do not detract by any means from its attractiveness.

Sometimes we are surprised for a moment at the political naivete which creeps out of a page or two. But the book bears out the promise of the authors when they say, "the campaign in the Mediterranean was a United Nations campaign" and pledge to make their stories bear witness to the valor of all our Allies.

We believe that these accounts might well be read in war plants, to management and workers. It would fill them all with a deep sense of their responsibility. It would bring out the rascality of those who pro-

voke any stoppage in production. The heroes of this narrative deserve the best we can give. We will be recreant to our duty if we provide them with any less.

Today's Music

WEDNESDAY

William Kapell, piano, Carnegie Hall, 8:30 p.m. Partita in C minor..... Bach
Sonata in F minor, Op. 5..... Brahms
Ballade in F; Nocturne in B flat minor..... Chopin
Two Preludes..... Shostakovich
Poulenc..... Ravel
Danza Iberica..... Nie
Mephisto Waltz..... Liszt
The LeRey-Foster-Scholz Ensemble, Town Hall, 8:30 p.m. Budapest String Quartet, Lexington Ave. YMHA, 8:40 p.m. Beethoven program. George Fiore, piano, Ottendorfer Library, 135 Second Ave., 8:30 p.m. Chopin program.

All-Nations Theatre Presents Two Plays

An evening devoted to Tolerance will be given by the Theatre of All Nations Saturday night at the Carnegie Chamber Music Hall, 154 W. 57 St. Two One-Act Plays by Jacques F. Ferrand, dealing with the problems of discrimination against races, will be presented.

'Our Foreign Policy' On the Air Saturday

Main St. and Dumbarton Oaks, the next program on *Our Foreign Policy* (this Saturday, NBC, 7 p.m.) will bring to the microphones Acting Secretary of State Joseph C. Gandy to Director of the Office of Special Political Affairs of the State Department, and Assistant Secretary of State Archibald MacLeish.

MOTION PICTURES

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Late Bulletins

Americas' Collective Security Plan Gets Subcommittee Okay

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 27 (UP).—

A subcommittee of the inter-American conference today approved a proposed declaration which would oblige signatory states to maintain the territorial integrity and political independence of each other, by force if necessary, once action is approved by the majority of American states.

The draft was referred to the full commission on reorganization of the inter-American system and, if approved, is expected to be known as "The Declaration of Chapultepec."

The proposed declaration was a combination of resolutions submitted to the conference by Uruguay, Colombia and Brazil.

In an address to the joint economic commission, Assistant U. S. Secretary of State William L. Clayton promised Latin America to seek legislation in Congress to allow post-war stockpiling of strategic materials, the sale of which during the war has brought prosperity to many Latin American countries.

A Mexican proposal calling for joint hemispheric military chiefs of staff was discussed in the war problems committee.

A Mexican proposal for dealing with cases like Argentina would withhold diplomatic recognition of American governments tinged with

Nazi-Fascism.

The Mexican plan provides that all governments accept provisionally the existence of any new government while others consult within 30 days, during which any Government could object to the new Government and demand consultation. The challenged regime would be allowed to present its case, but would be barred from voting. Decision on whether to recognize the new state would be by majority vote.

The U.S. delegation proposed a tighter control over subversive activities in the Hemisphere. Efren Farrill wired the Daily Worker from Mexico City.

The Cuban resolution calling upon all countries to declare war on the Axis was criticized as a loophole for Argentina.

Application to the entire hemisphere of the blacklist of Nazi business is under consideration.

At a joint press conference, the labor, farm and business advisors on the United States delegations praised Clayton's address and the economic charter.

Eric Johnston, President of the U. S. Chamber of Commerce, said Clayton's address tackled bravely the two major issues—an expanding economy and the economic troubles of the new world.

Oust Horner—Dental Alumni

A renewed demand for removal of Dr. Harlan H. Horner, author of the anti-Semitic report on dental colleges, has been made by the Alumni Association of the NYU College of Dentistry.

The alumni group on Monday night asked the Council of Dental Education and the American Dental Association to oust Dr. Horner and

council members who agreed with his proposal for a "quota system" for Jewish students in dental schools.

One of the reports written by Dr. Horner dealing with New York University urged elimination of the "racial imbalance" by means of federal subsidy.

The alumni resolution, offered by Dr. Isaac Stolper, was adopted by a unanimous vote.

RAF Hits Berlin 8th Night in Row

LONDON, Feb. 27 (UP).—Royal Air Force Mosquitos attacked Berlin with four-thousand pound bombs tonight for the eighth consecutive night.

Destroy Japanese on Verde Island

MANILA, Feb. 28 (UP).—Troops of the Sixth Division on Luzon Island captured Mt. Mataban east of San Mateo while troops on Verde Island completely destroyed the Japanese garrison, Gen. Douglas MacArthur announced today.

9th Breaks Into Ruhr Defenses

(Continued from Page 1) assault along a 15-mile stretch. The Germans fought back with tanks before the river, and artillery on a ridge behind it.

First Army tanks and guns swept into Kerpen and Sindorf, nine miles from Cologne, while the Ninth Army sent spearheads crashing through Konigshoven and into Morken, on the Erft, 11 miles north of Sindorf.

Targets given by the Army to the Airforce as Monday night's target briefing couldn't be attacked 12 hours later because they already were in American hands. Forward American spearheads sent frantic calls to the rear for help in removing thousands of prisoners. One complete artillery battalion, including officers and guns, was captured intact.

The First and Ninth Armies swept

up at least 35 new towns. Patton's Third Army, attacking on a 50-mile front, captured 19 towns and entered six as it began swinging a pincer around Trier in a drive aimed at opening the Moselle valley invasion route to Coblenz on the Rhine.

The Fifth Division crashed into the communications center of Bitburg, 15 miles north-northwest of Trier under cover of roaring tank and mobile artillery fire.

Identify Abandoned Bodies in Mortuary

BINGHAMTON, N. Y., Feb. 27 (UP).—Four of the five decomposed bodies found Saturday in an abandoned funeral home here have been identified, Detective Capt. Otto J. Krause reported today.

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You can tell by the grins that they're not really contrite about what happened to Julich, Germany, as a result of the present stunning Allied offensive. They're Pvt. Thomas Snyder, New York City (left) and Pvt. Paul Mattox, Washington, D. C., members of the 29th Infantry Division, U. S. Ninth Army.

The Veteran Commander

THE PRESS GOES BERSERK AGAIN

IT IS most unfortunate that a large section of the American press, including not only such elements as the Hearst and Scripps-Howard papers, but also organs commanding some respect (such as the N. Y. Sun) goes berserk every time American troops make a forward move. Every hard and painful step of our infantrymen, every revolution of the caterpillar treads of our tanks and self-propelled guns brings out hysterical words such as "smash," "crash," "crack," "sweep," "break," "collapse," etc.

It was sufficient to listen to the fellow on WOR last night at 11 PM to become sick in the stomach. His exaggerations were simply stupid and baseless.

As we have pointed out before, the western offensive is going well and is performing its task of squeezing out the German bridgehead on this side of the Rhine between Holland and the Moselle. There is no breakthrough, because the German fighting space is very shallow and there is no "operational space" to break into. Wherever you may go, you will find Father Rhine barring the way.

Nowhere are pincers forming yet. Nowhere is there a hint at encirclement of important groups. The Ninth-First wedge is pushing on Muenchen-Gladbach and on Cologne, with a possible extension toward Bonn. The basic idea is to reach the Rhine, where the remaining German

forces will most certainly make a stand and where the main battle will develop. So let us stop screaming about things which are not taking place. Things are going well, but let us not herald achievements which will not materialize. Let us stop building climaxes which only end in disappointment.

THE Red Army is also engaged in preliminaries. It is, so to say, "squatting its shoulders" in East Prussia, Pomerania, Silesia and Slovakia.

Its strategic objective is the Berlin fortified area, just as the Ruhr is the strategic objective of our troops. The two objectives will probably be attacked simultaneously.

OUR Marines on Iwo have captured almost all of the central airdrome as well as a commanding height, and it appears that the crisis of the battle has passed. But this does not mean that the rest will be easy. Our planes are already using the first airdrome, captured a few days ago.

By the occupation of Verde Island between Mindoro and Luzon our amphibious forces cleared the most direct sea lane to Manila.

British troops have captured Pagan, southwest of Mandalay, and are attacking the oil-fields of Chauk and Yenang-yaung.

WLB Sets 55c General Minimums

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27 (UP).—

The War Labor Board tonight opened the way for general wage increases for 4,000,000 workers who earn less than 55 cents an hour.

WLB chairman William H. Davis announced that the agency has authorized its regional boards to approve increases in minimum rates up to 55 cents an hour when requested by an employer or by an employer and union to correct sub-standard of living. The only condition is that such raises must not cause price increases unless approved by Stabilization Director Fred M. Vinson.

Davis said the public and labor members voted for the resolution. Industry members withheld their vote. The latter dissented from establishment of a 55 cent minimum wage in the textile industry last

week.

Heretofore the board's minimum was 50 cents an hour.

Davis said the board's action is a nationwide application of its decision in the dispute between the Textile Workers Union (CIO) and 54 northern and southern cotton mills.

"The board does not recognize that 55 cents an hour is high enough for elimination of substandard wage," he said. "The board says that at least 55 cents an hour is necessary."

He said there was nothing in the textile case to show that the conditions justifying a higher minimum wage were peculiar to that industry alone. "We felt that it was only fair to everybody to apply it to all industries," he said.

Davis emphasized that the decision is not a general order on every

manufacturer to increase minimum wages to 55 cents an hour but he said it opens the way for employers or employers and unions jointly to apply for permission to increase their rates to that figure.

He contended that Vinson has authority to approve the adjustments even if they require a price increase.

Will Halt Local Express Shipments

The Railway Express Agency will halt express shipments in the city's metropolitan area starting tomorrow at 12:01 a. m. Congestion in local stations and terminals, as well as the heightened need for war shipments, is responsible, the agency said.

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